

House Resolution 1664

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Brown of the 69th, Manning of the 32nd, Cox of the 102nd, Graves of the 137th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Public Health; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, county health departments provide numerous public health services to their
3 citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, the state provides certain funding, known as grant-in-aid funds, to county health
5 departments for local public health purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, such grant-in-aid funds are currently distributed by the Department of Human
7 Resources pursuant to a funding formula; and

8 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to identify the mission statement of this state with respect
9 to public health, to review the current grant-in-aid funding formula, to examine the uses of
10 current funding including the salaries of local public health workers, to identify local public
11 health needs, and to address other related issues to determine whether any of these issues
12 warrant being addressed through legislation.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that there shall be created the Joint Study Committee on Public Health to be
15 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
16 of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the
17 Senate Committee on Assignments. The Speaker shall designate a member of the House and
18 the Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member of the Senate who shall
19 serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the
20 cochairpersons.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues
22 mentioned above and any other issues related thereto and recommend any actions or

1 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall
2 recommend any actions or legislation which it deems necessary or appropriate. The
3 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
4 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
5 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
6 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
7 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
8 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
9 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the
10 Senate. The committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with
11 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before December 31, 2006. The committee
12 shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.